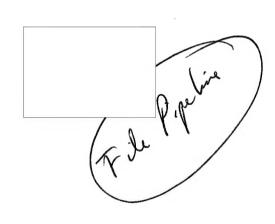
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SUBJECT: ITALIAN CONTRACTS FOR THE SOVIET GAS PIPELINE

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2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ITALIAN CONTRACTS FOR THE SOVIET GAS PIPELINE IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO THE REGUEST CONTAINED REFTEL. BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL WE HAD CHECKED WITH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE PIPELINE CONTRACTS AND OUR INFORMATION IS BASED ON PRESS REPORTS AND THESE EARLIER CONVERSATIONS.

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ITALIAN PRESS AND FIRMS INITIALLY (MID-1981) SPOKE OF OBTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.5 BILLION WORTH OF CON-TRACTS FOR THE PIPELINE, IN THREE MAJOR AREAS: TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, PIPES, AND COMPRESSOR STATIONS. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ENI. THE STATE ENERGY FIRM. THAT THE ITALIAN STEEL COMPANY FINSIDER HAS OTHER CONTRACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR GAS PIPELINES BUT DOES NOT MAKE PIPES MEETING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SIBERIAN PIPE-LINE. SIMILARLY THE ITALIAN BID (BY THE FIRM TELETTRA OF THE FIAT GROUP) TO SUPPLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIP-MENT APPEARS NOT TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED. THE ONLY DE-FINITE ITALIAN CONTRACT FOR THE SOVIET GAS PIPELINE, THEREFORE. IS THE FOLLOWING: PREDUCT FIRM U.S. COMPONENTS

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4. WE UNDERSTAND ITALIAN FIRMS MAY HAVE BIDS IN FOR
OTHER: SMALLER CONTRACTS: AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT
ON CONTRACTS AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THEM. RABB

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